

# Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 9th March 2025

Churches: St Mary's on the Hill & St Bernard's

## PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

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The Parish Office is closed Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March

## MONTH'S' MINDS

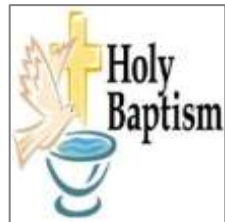
Gemma O'Neill, Breige Torrans, Kasia McKinney.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Bro John Bosco OFM, Oliver McCullagh, Perpetua Graham, Noreen & Bill McKenna, Maggie Philips, Bernadette Mills, Mrs Crudden, John & Jean McKeown, Yvonne Doolan, John & Marie Kealey, Ned Lynch, Patrick McCullagh, Helen McCann, Pat Crudden, Mary Coogan, Liam & Margaret Caughey, Annette McNally.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Oliver McCullagh
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Bro John Bosco OFM M/M Gemma O'Neill
<i>SMOTH</i>	10am	Yvonne Doolan
	11am	Helen McCann
	12.30pm	Maggie Philips
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Mrs Crudden
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Noreen & Bill McKenna
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Bernadette Mills
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Annette McNally
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Perpetua Graham
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	John & Jean McKeown



We welcome  
**Tiarnán McCoy**  
**Madison O'Hare-Dunn**  
recently baptised in the parish.

## **Parish Developing World Group**

Grateful thanks to all who worked so hard to make our annual table quiz such an enjoyable success, you raised £1320 for young people in Africa.

## St Patrick's Day Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March

### **NO SUNDAY VIGIL MASS 16th MARCH FOR ST PATRICK'S DAY**

Masses 9.00am and 11.00am in St Bernard's with Glengormley Trad School of Music playing at 11am Mass.

Annual Irish Language Collection

After all Masses on St Patrick's Day.

Go raibh maith agat.

### **G.I.F.T. 1 – P7 PUPILS**

Programme for **P7 children** who have received or are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Four Sunday evenings 23rd, 30th March & 6th, 13th April in the Pastoral Centre, 7pm to 8.30pm. Parents should register online on the parish website <https://forms.office.com/e/iqYeGgpPTF> or via the QR Code on the cards that will be available after all masses. LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH GAMES & ACTIVITIES.

### **WOULD YOU CONSIDER TAKING OUT A STANDING ORDERS WITH THE PARISH?**

Would you consider taking out a Standing Order with the parish to make your parish contributions. This would replace your Offertory Envelopes or loose plate contributions you make through the Offertory Collection Buckets. Cards to register for Standing Order available in porchway of Church.

### **RECHARGE: ADULT YOUTH GROUP**

Aged 18 to 35 – meeting on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month to "recharge" the spiritual batteries through Adoration, intellectual formation and social gatherings. We will be meeting on Tuesday the 4th and 18th of March at 7.30pm in St Colmille's Church, Ballyhackamore. All welcome!

# LENT

## WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS

A thought for each day of Lent. Booklets are available in the porchway of St Bernard's Church £1 for Adults. Also a Children's activity booklet £1.



## MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Divine Office will be prayed on **Mondays-Wednesdays-Fridays** before morning mass 9.35 am starting Monday 10th March.

## SATURDAYS OF LENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before mass in the main body of the Church will begin at 9.15am followed by the Rosary at 9.30am, Mass 9.45am.

**Confessions will also be heard during this time.**

## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: PRAYED & SUNG

A quiet time for prayer and reflection in front of the image of the Divine Mercy, Friday evenings 7.00-7.30pm.

**Confessions will also be heard during this time.**

## CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Fri. evening & Sat. mornings: *see details above*

# 2025

## PARISH LENTEN COURSE- Parish Centre Wednesdays of Lent 7-8pm

12th, 19th, 26th March & 2nd, 9th April.

***FORGIVING OTHERS, FORGIVING SELF***  
***The Book of Jonah (OT) & St Luke's Passion (NT)***  
***Led by Fr Pat Sheehan.***

Bring along a bible, have a cup of tea, learn, discuss & pray together.

**Register on the parish website and come along.**

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT CALVARY



## **A Friday challenge for young and old!**

**Each Friday of Lent 6.30am** (approx. 15/20mins) weather permitting, we will pray the Stations of the Cross **OUTSIDE at the Statue of Calvary** in St Bernard's grounds. If you have one bring a battery candle. In very poor weather we will gather in St Bernard's Church.

## A DIGITAL THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

***Download these FREE Apps to your smartphone***

*For Adults*



Lektion365 is an APP you can download to your smart phone which gives a biblical reflection and a morning and night prayer. Play it first thing in the morning, on the way to work in the car or when you get some quiet time before going to bed.

*For Families*



Lectio for Families is an APP designed for families to download and listen to, with children's voices reading the scriptural passages. Play it first thing in the morning (maybe over breakfast?), during the school run or in the evening.



## JUBILEE LENTEN REFLECTIONS

By Fr Darren Brennan PP

St Paul's Parish, Belfast

# “WITNESSES OF HOPE FROM THE SCRIPTURES”

1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 7pm  
ABRAHAM AND SARAH: Pilgrims of Hope

2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 7pm  
MOSES: A Pilgrim of Hope

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 7pm  
MARY OF MAGDALA: A Pilgrim of Hope

4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 7pm  
PETER: A Pilgrim of Hope

5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 7pm  
PAUL: A Pilgrim of Hope

PALM SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 7pm  
MARY AT THE CROSS: A Pilgrim of Hope



FACEBOOK

Join the Down & Connor  
Facebook Page  
OR the YOUTUBE channel



YOUTUBE

# 6TH ANTRIM BEAVERS



## *Spaces Available!*

Beaver Scouts is a great way for kids aged 6-8 to make new friends and learn new skills!

And we now have available spaces!

**TUESDAY EVENINGS**

**7:00-8:30**

**6TH ANTRIM SCOUT HALL**

**165 ANTRIM RD,**

**GLENGORMLEY**

**BT36 7QY**

**TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION,  
OR ARRANGE A CHAT WITH ONE  
OF OUR LEADERS, CONTACT US:**

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FB: 6th Antrim Scout Group

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**SCOUTING  
IRELAND**



# DOWN & CONNOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025 40th Annual Pilgrimage



5 Nights (10-15 July) Hotel - £859

5 Nights (10-15 July) Accueil Notre Dame  
(for Pilgrims requiring care) - £729

7 Nights (9-16 July) Hotel - £972

Youth Team (9-16 July) - £760



Prices are per person sharing, additional charges may apply  
This Tour is operated by North Star Travel Ltd T/A Joe Walsh Tours  
ATOL Protected 11313

For more information or to request a booking form contact

[lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) (028) 9077 0162 [downandconnor.org/lourdes](http://downandconnor.org/lourdes)



Price Only

**£760**

## LOURDES YOUTH TEAM 2025

### Cost Includes:

per person sharing, inclusive of return flights, transfers, full-board accommodation, insurance.

**9-16 July 2025**

Online applications now open!

To all aged 17 - 24 yrs (at time of travel)



Scan me for the application form



**Limited Spaces!**

For more information please email:

[Lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:Lourdes@downandconnor.org)

or visit [www.downandconnor.org/lourdes](http://www.downandconnor.org/lourdes)

Closing for applications Friday 7 March 2025 @5pm



# 'Sing for Joy!'

## *A Day of Music and Ministry*



**Saturday 26 April 2025**  
**on Lough Derg. Boat 9:30am.**



**Open to Young People aged  
18-35. Free to attend.**  
**Register via QR Code.**

Organised by the Knights of St Columbanus.  
[info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk](mailto:info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk)





## Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart

### Lenten Challenge & Invitation

The 2025 Lenten message of Pope Francis is a challenge and an encouragement for us to **journey in hope together**. Our Holy Father encourages us - as he always does - to move out of our comfort zones and to engage with others. This is all the more essential in "a world which seems to have lost its heart".

Abstaining from alcohol is one way of offering hope and support to those who are living under the shadow of addiction. A **Pledge for Lent** can be taken in a parish Pioneer centre or via [www.pioneerassociation.org](http://www.pioneerassociation.org).

You might be the first person in your family, school or workplace to take a few steps as a **Pilgrim of Hope** during this Jubilee Year. Consider inviting a few others to join you on the journey! You will be helping them - as their sponsor or anchor - to kindle the fire of God's love in their hearts.

Think also about **prayerfully adopting** a person who is waiting on a place in Cuan Mhuire or as part of a Residential Treatment Program. You might also pray for those at local level who are being sustained - one day at a time - by the **12 steps of the AA fellowship**.

Messages of prayerful support for people who are living with addiction can be posted to Fr Robert McCabe, PO Box 13492, Dublin 7 or can be sent by email to [prayer@pioneers.ie](mailto:prayer@pioneers.ie).

Additional information is available at [www.pioneerassociation.org](http://www.pioneerassociation.org).





# Help us in our search for the truth.

## WE WISH TO HEAR FROM YOU

Have you or a family member been impacted by a Mother and Baby Institution, Magdalene Laundry, or Workhouse in Northern Ireland, or by their related pathways and practices, including the adoption and care system?

Have you worked, volunteered in or lived in close proximity to one of these institutions? Do you have any information, knowledge or memories of these institutions or their practices?

We would like to hear from you.



Truth Recovery Independent Panel  
Seeking the Truth

## CONTACT US



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(Open Monday – Friday 11am - 12pm and 3pm - 4pm or leave a voicemail on our secure answering service any time outside of these hours.)



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